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SUBJECT: IRAN DESIGNATIONS: EU NEEDS GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY REF: A. SECSTATE 160808 B. BRUSSELS 3137

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1.(C/NF) SUMMARY AND COMMENT: The EU is moving toward deferrment of decisions on new restrictive measures against Iran until January 2008. The Repeated Call for More Evidence -----

2.(C/NF) During a November 28 meeting with Robert Cooper, High Rep Solana's deputy on Iran policy, DCM Murray underscored the need for new EU e No Clear Outcome Expected from EU Debate -----

[13.](#) (C/NF) Cooper anticipated that the November 30 meeting of EU capital-based experts would be inconclusive. The group would likely conduct a UK: No Decision Preferable to Weak One -----

[14.](#) UK Ambassador King matched Cooper's pessimism, outlining BRUSSELS 00003423 002 OF 002 tactical difficulties facing the pro-sanctions camp w U.S. (and Saudi) Argument for Urgent EU Action Needed -----

[15.](#) (C/NF) King pointed out that with the exception of France and the UK, EU member states failed to see the urgent need take action vis a vis